

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 23 are presently pending in the application. Claims 24 - 40 have been withdrawn from consideration without prejudice. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 - 18 and 21 - 23 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 17 - 40 of U.S. Patent No. 7,028,674 ("the '674 Patent"). Claims 19 - 20 stand rejected over claims 17 - 40 of the '674 Patent in view of Vaitkus U.S. Patent No. 5,852,238. In response, Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer limiting the scope of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of the '674 Patent.


In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 1 - 23 at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (908) 707-1573 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

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